

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, April 11, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 40.

I. At a Court of Inquiry convened January 20th, 1863, at Quincy, Florida, by virtue of General Orders of January 8th, 1863, Department of Florida, and in pursuance of the act of 21st April 1862, "to punish drunkenness in the army," was arraigned and tried:

Captain HALEY T. BLOCKER, Blocker's Cavalry, P. A. C. S.:

On the Charge of Drunkenness.

(The Specifications are omitted in this Order on account of their prolixity.)

Finding and Sentence.

The Court find the accused "guilty" of the charge, and sentence him to be suspended from his command for twenty days.

II. The proceedings in the foregoing case having been submitted to the Secretary of War, to be laid before the President, have been returned to this office, with the following order thereon endorsed:

"The finding of the Court of Inquiry, convened at Quincy, Florida, in the case of *Captain Haley T. Blocker*, of the cavalry, charged with drunkenness, under the act of congress of April 21st, 1862, has been examined, and upon consideration thereof, the same is approved. The sentence of the Court is regarded as very lenient, and the department cannot but express the hope that it will be received by the officer as a solemn admonition as well as a rebuke.

The department, in reviewing the proceedings, is compelled to express its disapprobation of the harsh language employed against the prosecutor, in the course of the same, by the defendant's counsel. The prosecutor performed a *duty*, imposed by act of congress.

III. The General commanding will carry into effect the sentence in the case, and direct the dissolution of the Court of Inquiry.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.